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"APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC DETERMINATION OF A

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION FOR DISPLAY BY MEANS OF A

MAIL-PROCESSING DEVICE"

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,594,648

AB United States Patent No. 5,771,348

AC United States Patent No. 5,724,245

AD United States Patent No. 5,471,925

### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The European counterpart to reference AA, together with References AB, AC and AD, were cited in a Search Report dated March 30, 2005 in connection with the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

The European Search Report also cites European application 1 457 931, however, that application was published on September 15, 2004, which is after the filing date of the present United States application, and therefore European

Application 1 457 931 is not available as prior art against the United States application, and a copy of European Application 1 457 931 is not being submitted herewith.

Since all of the other references are United States patents, it is not necessary to provide copies herewith, however, Form 1449 is submitted herewith on which those references are listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above references was first cited in a Search Report from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Submitted by,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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